

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement; Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite; Claims 1 and 2 and 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Stone and Watanabe; and Claims 3 and 7 have been allowed.

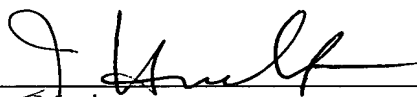
Considering first then the rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and the rejection of Claims 1 and 2 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite, it is to be noted that the language objected to by the Examiner has now been deleted and that instead limitations from Claims 2 and 3 have now been added to Claim 1 that are fully supported by the disclosure. Accordingly, it is submitted that Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 now fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

Considering next then the rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Stone and Watanabe, it is submitted that Claim 1 has now been amended so as to incorporate a portion of the language of Claim 2 and the limitations of Claim 3 that patentable define over the prior art. In view of the Examiner's indication of allowability of the language in Claim 3, it is submitted that Claim 1 now merits indication of allowability. In this regard, it is noted only that portion of Claim 2 needed to provide antecedent basis for the limitation of Claim 3 have not been included in Claim 1 and thus differs in scope from the invention set forth in Claims 3 and Claim 7. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that each of Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 now patentably defines over the prior art of record recited by the Examiner's as well as the remaining references

record. It is further submitted in view of the amendments noted above that no new matter has been introduced and no issues raising further considerations and/or the need for an additional search is required. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this application and entry of this amendment is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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